## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently amended)** A method of slowing or arresting the flow of blood from ~~a wound, rupture or laceration~~an active bleeding site in a bodily tissue comprising

positioning the opening of a vacuum cup over said ~~wound, rupture or laceration,~~active bleeding site;

applying a vacuum to the interior cavity of said cup~~, and~~;

maintaining said vacuum until the flow of blood has arrested or slowed;

releasing the vacuum upon slowing or arresting the flow; and

removing the cup from said bleeding site after releasing the vacuum.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(New)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the active bleeding site is selected from the group consisting of a wound, a rupture and a laceration.

4. **(New)** The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum cup is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of rubber, plastic, silastic, silicone, and metal.

5. **(New)** The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum cup is formed of transparent polyethylene material.

6. **(New)** The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum is released when the flow has slowed and the bleeding site can be further treated.

7. **(New)** The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum is released immediately once the flow has arrested or slowed.